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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PETROS, ARGY

Examiner

Michael C. Wimer

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 5/11/2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In Claim 1, line 1, it is unclear what is meant by "a (a)". It appears that the single article "a" should be before "quadrifilar" in line 1. In line 2, "substantially" is misspelled. In line 4, it appears that "he" should be --the--.

In Claim 1, lines 4-5, Claims 11 and 12, line 4, "aalongthe" is unclear.

In Claims 3-12, "the said" is redundant.

Claim 2 is unclear because "such as" is not a positive imitation that clearly sets forth the invention.

Claim 3 is unclear and not understood because a quad antenna cannot "be replaced" by a monofilar antenna and further limit the structure of Claim 1.

In Claims 5 and 6, line 1, "tat" is unclear. It appears that this should be --at--.

In Claims 5 and 6, line 3, "sthe aid" is unclear.

In Claims 1, 11 and 12, it is unclear what is meant that the rings are around the "total or partial length of the... antenna." It appears that the recitation should be "at least one of". Also, it is unclear how the plurality of rings can extend in the direction recited. Clarification of this characteristic is required. It is also suggested to review the claims for typographical errors.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1,4,5 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by McCarthy et al. (6788272).

Regarding Claims 1,4,5 and 10-12, McCarthy shows in Figures 3 and 6, a quadrifilar helix antenna and method for tuning therefor, with parallel and concentric metallic rings 60 and 80 positioned around the longitudinal axis of the helix and along the total or partial length of the antenna, because the rings are placed at opposite ends of the helical conductors of the antenna and thus define the length recited here.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2,3,6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCarthy (6788272).

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Regarding Claims 2 and 3, since a quad element antenna is shown in McCarthy, any number of elements would have been obvious to employ because the number is dependent upon antenna gain, where less than the quad would produce less gain, as is obvious to anyone skilled in the antenna art.

Regarding Claim 6 and 7, separate substrates for the elements and rings (e.g., ground ring 60) and a radome is suggested in McCarthy (col. 3, lines 48-53), such etching techniques on such dielectric structures would have been obvious to the skilled artisan.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Wimer whose telephone number is (571) 272-1833. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minsun O. Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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